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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

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RE Petition of Cellco Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless for Arbitration Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, TRA Consolidated Docket No. 03-00585

Dear Chairman Miller:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of the *Joint Procedural Schedule for Rate Phase of Proceeding* for filing in the above-referenced matter.

The enclosed documents have been served on counsel for the Rural Independent Coalition and other parties of record. If you have any questions about this filing or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (615) 744-8446

Sincerely,

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Petition of:	)	
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Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	)	Consolidated Docket
For Arbitration Under the	)	No. 03-00585
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

## PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR RATE PHASE OF PROCEEDING

The CMRS Providers<sup>1</sup> and the Rural Coalition<sup>2</sup> hereby jointly file the procedural schedule (for the rate phase of this proceeding) developed during the status conference of July 21, 2005.

All filings are due by 2:00 p.m. on the dates listed below.

August 11, 2005: Each Rural Independent Telephone Company will file a description of its proposed TELRIC cost study methodology, specifying in detail how the company proposes to perform the study.

August 31, 2005: The CMRS Providers will file a response to the August 11 filings

**September 7, 2005**. Hearing at 1:00 p.m. CST before the full panel (Directors Miller and Tate and Chairman Jones) to argue all disputed issues raised by the filings of August 11 and 31.

**December 7, 2005**: Deadline for each Rural Independent Telephone Company to file its own separate cost study, based on each company's specific costs – and to provide copies to the CMRS Providers. Each study will be provided in both hard copy and in an electronic version allowing analysis by computer. The Rural Coalition agrees to provide such studies to the TRA and to the CMRS Providers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Sprint Spectrum L P and T-Mobile USA, Inc

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prior to December 7, 2005 on a "rolling basis" as such studies become available rather than filing 21 separate studies on December 7, 2005.

December 14, 2005: Discovery opens. Written discovery requests shall be filed with the TRA and served on all parties. Responses and objections to written discovery are due within 15 calendar days of the date served. Depositions of witnesses shall be permitted.

February 14, 2006: Direct testimony to be filed by all parties.

March 28, 2006: Discovery closes. All discovery motions, shall be filed on or before this date with the TRA and served on all parties. Responses to discovery motions shall be due 14 calendar days following service.

**April 14, 2006**: Status Conference to resolve outstanding matters.

April 28, 2006: Rebuttal testimony to be filed by all parties. Parties will also file a joint pleading suggesting a hearing procedure and matters to be heard.

May 5, 2006: Status and Pre-Hearing Conference.

May 22—June 9, 2006: Hearing.

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